

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Examiner: Patricia Ann George  
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Applicant: O'Meara et al.  
Title: **METHOD AND PROCESSING SYSTEM FOR MONITORING  
STATUS OF SYSTEM COMPONENTS**  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2006. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1, 2, 5-18, 20, 21, 23, 24, and 30-32 are pending in this application and are rejected. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.